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Looking up to another term

Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario candidate Laurie Scott watches the televised provincial election coverage for the results on Thursday, June 2 at the Pled Eyed Monk in Lindsay. Scott was re-elected with 52.75 per cent of the votes cast in the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding where 102,111 voters were registered. / DARREN LUM Staff

Six times the charm for long time politician, Laurie Scott

Opposition surprised by the election results

VIVIAN COLLINGS
Staff Reporter

The 2022 Ontario general election on Thursday, June 2 saw the lowest voter

turnout in provincial history with only 43 per cent of eligible voters appearing at the polls.

The turnout was 15 per cent less than the 2018 general election, but both saw Progressive Conservative Leader Doug Ford win a majority government. The

Ontario PC party claimed 83 out of 124 seats in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, with Member of Provincial Parliament for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Laurie Scott being one of them.

The Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding saw 48,636 voters with former sit-

ting member Scott claiming 52.8 per cent of votes to be re-elected.

Elected for the sixth time to represent Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock since 2003 as MPP, Scott was happy about the

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Scott believed 'even stronger' PC majority was coming

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outcome and was proud about her past term.

"For the last four years, it's been great in Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock. We've been able to attain many, many things. Four long-term care homes, more funding for hospitals, more internet. I'm very happy with how the last four years have gone, and I'm very humbled and honoured to be representing Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock again," she said on election night at her campaign party in Lindsay.

Scott said that she had seen a shift towards an "even stronger" PC majority in the few days leading up to election night, which gave her an extra boost of confidence.

"I'm feeling very good tonight. We had a great campaign with great weather, and it was nice reconnecting with people after the pandemic. I was surprised at how quick the election was called at 9:11 p.m. with the electronic voting," Scott said, soon after the polls closed at 9 p.m. on June 2.

Scott reflected on achievements, most notably, how she brought awareness to the prevalence of human trafficking and other passion projects of both hers and the PC party.

"Human trafficking is always a definite passion. I was very very passionate about broadband, I must say, and I worked very hard on that portfolio. I'll always have a passion for health care because I was a nurse for 20 years, and I think there are a lot of challenges, but lots of good options that will evolve as we go forward."

Scott also reflected on her family's history in politics as her father, William C. Scott, served as MP in Victoria-Haliburton from 1965 and onward to win six more elections.

"People did say in the campaign trail, I got it more this time around, that they have voted for a Scott every time there is a Scott on the ballot," Scott said.

The New Democratic Party regained Official Opposition status, but leader Andrea Horwath resigned shortly after election results were in.

Barbara Doyle, NDP candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, was optimistic before polls closed because of the support her campaign team received.

"I'm much more confident to talk about provincial issues. It was much easier to talk about these things that I already talk about everyday like health care and education. People were a lot more receptive this year, and we have amazing supporters, members, and volunteers. Lots of people were telling us that they were voting NDP for the first time ever. Everything that was broken pre-COVID was more broken during COVID such as huge issues in health care and long-term care. It really highlighted how vulnerable we are," said the NDP candidate.

Doyle was disheartened by the results of the election on Thursday night but attended Scott's campaign party to congratulate her on winning.

"I am scared for every Ontarian across the province," Doyle said to the *Echo* on Friday, June 3. "I'm very dismayed with the results here in this riding. So many people didn't vote, and I'm surprised at such a big PC win when that's not what we were hearing on the ground."

Doyle wanted to thank all of her supporters for their encouragement.

"We just want our supporters to know how grateful we are for their dedication to us and their continued support. These were not the results we were hoping for at all, but we are going to keep fighting and working everyday."

Doyle will be returning to her job as curator at the Kawartha Lakes Museum and will continue volunteer work with numerous community organizations.

The Liberals failed to secure official party status with only eight seats in the Legislative Assembly, and Steven Del Duca resigned as their leader.

Before polls closed on Thursday night, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Liberal candidate Don McBey said, "We're happy with the campaign we ran, coming from a third position, we wanted to make sure we covered the whole riding. We had some really good mailings and voter contact. Feedback from constituents was very positive. Big concerns about health care and long-term care from seniors, and for young people, affordable housing and daycare."

McBey said he was discouraged by the lack of PC presence at the candidate debates.

"This was such a short campaign, and nobody really got the chance to see Laurie [Scott] because she hadn't shown up to any of the debates. With the one televised debate they had, they left the PC podium there to show



New Democratic Party of Ontario candidate Barbara Doyle takes questions at her campaign office on Thursday, June 2 in Lindsay. Doyle, who finished second to Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario candidate Laurie Scott, received 7,677 votes, or 15.78 per cent of the votes for the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding where 102,111 voters were registered. /DARREN LUM Staff

that [Scott] wasn't there. With all-candidates meetings, they widen the discussion of policy, and the three-way discussions we had with the Green Party and NDP, we agree on so many things. It's hard because we didn't have the PC representative there to defend their position, which made the meetings awkward. I think there would've been a better campaign if there were more opportunities for all-candidates meetings, even if they were virtual."

McBey received 13.6 per cent of the votes in the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding, which was up from Brooklynn Cramp-Waldinsperger's 9.9 per cent in the 2018 general election.

"We have a traditional Liberal vote in this riding, and I think a lot of those people stayed home or didn't come out in the last election. We are seeing that vote bounce back," McBey said.

Haliburton County resident and Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Green Party candidate Tom Regina said that he did not expect the election results.

I felt very tired yesterday and was looking forward to it being over. What a result overall, it feels overwhelming and surreal. I got a lot of good response, personally and heard a lot of dissatisfaction with the premier and even for our [former sitting member], who is generally, well loved. I would not have predicted the way it went," Regina said the day after the election.

He said that the party had gained an abundance of experience over the past two elections, and they will use that knowledge to help gain more support in the future.

"I had a very small team and modest resources, so taking that into consideration we did quite well; way more bang for our buck. We would like to be able to keep our riding association going between election cycles so as to build a strong foundation of support for our next candidate."

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Ontario Party leader Kerstin Kelly said that their campaign received a lot of support when visiting the Haliburton area.

"There are so many amazing people in Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, and Brock. It was outstanding to meet everyone. The election is made to be very supportive of [Scott], but that's okay. I had a super large team that worked very hard and covered most of the riding and were very thorough. Supporters really desperately need a change. They say the world is going in a bad way and that we need some goodness back. The Ontario Party is offering that truth and transparency. We need to bring the power back to the people. This was the land of freedom and opportunity, and it certainly hasn't been that over the past few years."

Kelly was expecting "an upset" in the riding and gained 7.9 per cent of the total vote in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

On Friday, June 3, Kelly said in a tweet, "Thank you to everyone who supported us. We ran a good campaign ... this is only the beginning."

Emergency departments to stay open throughout summer

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board meeting held virtually on May 26.

The Minden and Haliburton hospital emergency departments will remain open this summer despite the ongoing threat of temporary closure during continued staffing shortage challenges.

Carolyn Plummer, HHHS president and CAO, said the organization continues to struggle to find sufficient staffing of both nurses and physicians, with a 40 per cent shortage in coverage for all emergency department and hospital nursing shifts, and a 25 per cent shortage for emergency department physician shifts. The organization is filling nursing shifts with non-local agency staff, and physician shifts through an emergency department locum program.

"With that in mind we need to continue to plan for what will happen in the event that we aren't able to fill those positions," she told the board. "For now, we have decided that we will continue with both emergs remaining open throughout the summer months, continuing to use nursing agency staff to support that. We recognize with the increased volume this community sees over the summer – that we see every summer in both of our emergs – that there's merit in keeping both open, that it's critical in fact for us to do that, without any alternatives in place to help manage that extra volume."

Plummer said there are still plans in place should there be last-minute shift changes or an inability to fill a shift.

Last month, Plummer responded to community concerns including a rumoured permanent closure of the Minden hospital emergency department, noting that no decision has yet been made about which emergency department might close or reduce services as a result of the ongoing staffing shortages, nor has a date been set for said closure.

"We're continuing to explore all avenues and try different strategies to attract staff to the organization, to the community," she said.

She said HHHS has been accessing provincial programs to fund recruitment of internationally-educated nurses and nursing students; engaging in virtual career fairs to attract nursing students; meeting with local municipal leaders; hiring a dedicated recruiter and focusing on retention.

A community survey to gather ideas about incentives and programs to encourage nurses, registered practical nurses, personal support workers and

physicians to join HHHS was open until May 31.

Plummer said additionally the organization is looking at formal master planning, looking at a short-term plan for the fall and winter months, as well as a longer term plan for a sustainable healthcare model in the community.

HHHS ends year with surplus

David O'Brien, vice-chair of the board and chair of the finance committee said he had a different message to bring to the board after previously reporting challenging years with a deficit.

"The good news coming out of the review of our draft audit is that we actually are going to end the year, March 31, 2022, with a \$71,000 surplus, so that is a very positive thing," he said. "Now, it would be remiss of me if I did not continue on a little bit and say that doesn't mean we are out of the woods completely, because there are still many years ahead of us to go where we are depending on provincial funding, and no doubt I will appear at some point in the future and say we have some financial issues again, so I continue to plead with the province to keep up with the funding that they promised us – don't let six months go by before you fund us, give it to us right away."

Plummer appreciated the good news, also noting there are "certainly a lot of pressures already," for HHHS to consider in the current fiscal year.

Ethics resources soon available to HHHS

Plummer said HHHS will engage in a one-year contract with Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences for support through their regional ethics program.

"This will help strengthen our ethics committee, build internal capacity, and provide support (including moral distress debriefing) for staff and physicians as they work through challenging situations," said Plummer.

Checking in on the Epic system

Plummer said HHHS staff is "ironing out the bugs" occurring with the Epic program, a clinical information system that went live in December.

"The system is generally working quite well, and it's a big change," said Plummer. "Once we get through the initial first months and things are working as smoothly as they can be it's going to give us an awful lot of opportunity for improvements in things like patient safety, etc."

Plummer said staff are getting more comfortable with the new system, though there are still areas to find additional efficiencies for staff to work with the program and also minimize the amount of extra time patients may need to wait.

"Once we get there, I think there's going to be a lot of positives," said Plummer.

Previously, Plummer has said Epic will enable one medical record for patients in the system, and would also help with patient-safety issues and quality of care, with the system designed to help reduce errors in healthcare. Additionally, patients will be able to access their chart online from home.



For Jane

Members of the Haliburton and District Lions Club gathered with the family of Jane Van Nood on Monday, May 30 to commemorate her with an autumn blaze maple Tree planted in her honour at Head Lake Park in Haliburton near the bandshell. Van Nood was a dedicated Haliburton and District Lions Club member and volunteer in the community and passed away suddenly on Nov. 22, 2021. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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Permitting accessory structures for docks given time for review

DARREN LUM

Editor

Dysart et al council is looking to clarify the permitted use of accessory structures in the township since an application for rezoning highlighted the large scale issue at a regular council meeting on May 24.

This discussion about this came up during an application by Kevin Holmes, who made an application to rezone his property from Waterfront Residential Type 4

zone to Waterfront Residential Type 4-XX zone to permit a two-storey structure with garage space on his Winkler Road property designated Haliburton Village Urban Policy Area and Urban Residential Area in the Municipality of Dysart et al Official Plan. His application included the permit of an accessory structure on a marine facility – in this case a canopy on a dock.

Mayor Andrea Roberts recognized the challenge of granting the permission for the canopy to Holmes, who would not be

the only case in the township.

"It is a very big dilemma. This little marine facility/or cover. I think if we put it in the zoning [and] is approved then if it goes the other way then does this mean 50 people have to reapply? Should we be looking at a zoning application?"

Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy asked if we can allow this until the bylaw is revisited.

"It is a huge can of worms. We've got lots of them. Not just this issue," he said, referencing how these accessory structures are all over on many lakes.

Holmes, who said his parents were on the lake since the 1950s, said the dock he made matched same exact dimensions as the original with the same cover. He said in addition to the expense is how he didn't even know the canopy was an issue because it hadn't been before.

"These covers, they're not free. It's 20 years old, but I spent six or \$7,000 at the time and maintaining it or what have you. I'd also venture to say that most people, like myself, I had no clue I was doing anything slightly wrong. I know it was already raised ... Most people would say it's essential to have to protect their boat and as Mr. [John] Smith said and to have your own shade for yourself," he said.

Ward 2 Councillor Larry Clarke agreed work needs to be done to address this.

"It's apparent that there is a larger policy that's needed and we just ignore for now," Clarke said. "We're not blessing it and we're not saying get rid of it. Just get it off the plate and we're not prepared to support or make a decision at this point," he said.

Roberts noted how the public needs to be acknowledged, which is recognized by a letter from the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association who expressed support for the garage, but not the accessory structure.

Ward 4 Councillor John Smith said this is similar to another situation with free-

standing saunas.

"By the definition of our zoning bylaw, they're not allowed. Free-standing saunas are not allowed anywhere on a Dysart property. Yet we know as councillors there's hundreds of them out there," he said.

Smith wants to see a focus on education instead of enforcement by bylaw officers regarding accessory structures. He suggested Holmes be given until Sept. 1, which by that time the bylaw officer will go out, and, in the interim, council and staff change the bylaw to "something more practical" and look at implementing something for next summer.

Ward 5 Councillor Walt McKechnie said getting Holmes to take down his canopy would be "100 per cent wrong."

"If he wasn't doing this garage, nobody would have said anything about this canopy. It just seems like whenever you're trying to spend a dollar a neighbour's got to poke their nose in and now is my time to aggravate Mr. Holmes. I think we should let it be and the next council for sure be addressing this and either coming up with a new bylaw, a new set of rules. But we punish Mr. Holmes there who's the next neighbour that is going to complain here about somebody that wants to do something? There's a lot of infractions on everybody's property. We've lived with them for so long why are they all of sudden aggravating people? I just don't understand."

Roberts agreed with Smith's earlier comment about not including it and look at reviewing.

"It's opening a bigger can of worms. I'd rather not include it right now. Go easy on any enforcement," she said.

At the end, council voted to permit the rezoning for the application for the garage, but the amendment did not include permission for the canopy.



**26th Annual General Meeting of
Haliburton Highlands Health
Services Corporation**
Thursday, June 23, 2022
2:00 p.m.

(Meeting Agenda - Business of the Corporation: Reports of the CEO and Board, Chief of Staff, Auditor, Foundation, Nominating Committee, Election of Directors, and Appointment of Auditors)

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions and precautions that remain in place at HHHS, the 26th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held as a virtual meeting conducted through the Zoom application. In order to participate, Corporation members and members of the public who wish to attend will require an invitation, which will provide further information on how to participate.

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Public invited to open house

Rogers Communications Inc. is looking to improve telecommunication in Haliburton with a proposed new tower.

Part of the implementation of this plan is for public consultation.

The public is encouraged to register before 11 a.m. on June 14 to attend an online public meeting at 3 p.m. on June 14 where more can be learned about the proposal, questions asked and/or provide comments.

The proposed site is on the southern portion of 3470 Glamorgan Road, along Minnicock Lake Road.

Part of the public consultation includes an opportunity to provide comments in writing about the proposed Rogers site before 5 p.m. on June 17.

Send written comments to Christian Lee, wireless site specialist of Eric Belchamber & Associates, 337 Autumnfield Street, Kanata, ON., K2M 0J6. Telephone at 613-799-9900 or email christian.lee@rogers.com.

Rogers has noted they will send (or have sent) a "notification package" with the proposed structure, the consultation and approval process to registered property owners within 500 metres of the proposed tower.

In accordance with Policy No. 38 - Telecommunications Tower Policy, following the open house, a report will be brought forward at a future council meeting.

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Community cares!

The Miskwabi Area Community Association (MACA) Road Cleanup effort brought out more than 40 cottagers and residents, who braved the rain and bugs on Sunday of the May long weekend to clean up the roads around Miskwabi, Long, Wenona and Negaunee Lakes. The annual event was postponed for three years, so everyone was happy to see their neighbours again and get the area looking great for the summer days ahead. More than a truckload of garbage was taken to the landfill. Many thanks to all the volunteers, especially our youngest, Rose! /Submitted by Virginia Vranckx, MACA

Ontarians offered savings on travel within the province

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

Ontarians travelling in the province are eligible for a provincial government incentive known as the Staycation Tax Credit until the end of the year. It should prove to be beneficial to Haliburton County's tourism.

The Staycation Tax Credit allows Ontario residents to claim up to 20 per cent on accommodation expenses when traveling within the province on their personal Income Tax and Benefit Return for 2022. This opportunity is meant to encourage Ontarians to travel in the province to help boost tourism sectors that may have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Any Ontario resident is eligible to claim the credit until Dec. 31 of this year and expenses that can be claimed are stays at hotels, motels, resorts, lodges, bed-and-breakfast establishments, cottages, campgrounds, and vacation rental properties.

The Government of Ontario website says, "The credit will provide an estimated \$270 million in support to about 1.85 million Ontario families."

The Staycation Tax Credit is expected to benefit both visitors of Haliburton County as well as businesses across all tourism and hospitality sectors.

Thom Lambert, content creator for the County of Haliburton Economic Development and Tourism Department, said, "It benefits any tourism operator in the county for a couple of reasons. First, folks are more likely to plan a trip, or extend the length of a trip, because of a tax credit. Once visitors are 'on the ground' in the county, they are going to be looking for compelling food and drink experiences as well as outdoor adventure and cultural experiences. Second, if folks already had a trip booked, they are likely to spend the extra 20 per cent on having more experiences."

Tracie Bertrand, manager of tourism for the County of Haliburton, said, "To visitors, this means they feel 'added value' to staying in Ontario. They now have a chance to afford traveling and staying in their own province."

Lambert believes that although there is no empirical evidence of a higher influx of visitors in the county this spring compared to others, he expects that accommodations will be at close to full capacity this summer.

"The last two tourist seasons in the Haliburton Highlands have been record breaking in many ways. Hotels, motels, cottage rentals, and cottage occupations have been at incredibly high levels. The perception that we have been a safe destination to isolate away from the GTA has driven a huge amount of traffic to our area," Lambert said.

Although the Staycation Tax Credit proves to benefit most, it may not benefit all businesses.

Linda Coneybeare, travel consultant with Transat Travel, said, "With the price of gas, a spring/summer vacation at an Ontario destination is not what my clients



The Ontario Staycation Tax Credit allows Ontario residents to claim up to 20 per cent of accommodation expenses if they travel within the province in 2022. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

are looking for. They would prefer to travel to Europe in summer and south for the winter."

Coneybeare said that she would have liked to have seen the travel credit extended to places beyond Ontario to help airlines and travel agencies recover from the

impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and past travel restrictions.

More information about the Ontario Staycation Tax Credit can be found here www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-staycation-tax-credit.

The time is now for change

Re-think community-based elder care

The pandemic has shed a spotlight on our broken long-term care system, which has been a long-standing issue for more than 30 years. Trying to fix our broken LTC system is not the answer. We need a huge transformation. Recent polls done by the National Institute on Aging found that more than 95 per cent of persons want to avoid long-term institutional care.

"Stop referring to us as a bed", Jennifer Brown, a resident of the Toronto LTC Centre said in a recent CBC interview. "Our government needs to look at what Scandinavian countries are doing and treat people like human beings."

The Haliburton Highlands Long-Term Care Coalition, Re:Think LTC, and Those Other Movies are pleased to host three community discussion events, Aging Together as Community.

Participants will view the inspirational Danish documentary, *It is Not Over Yet*, depicting an innovative Danish, community-based model of elder care. Based on a

'compassionate care approach' it enables individuals with dementia to live in small 'home-like' settings, with dignity, grace and joy. We will break into small groups to share how as a community we value aging, and brainstorm what that vision could truly look and feel like. Together, we will explore the possibility of 'home based alternatives' to institutional care that takes profits out of care, promotes assisted living and we will begin to create a plan to move forward in Haliburton County.

Discussions will be Wednesday, June 22 at 6 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre, Thursday, June 23 at 6 p.m. at the Minden Lions Club, and on Friday, June 24 at 6 p.m. at the Haliburton United Church. Masks are encouraged and appreciated. Refreshments will be provided. Donations are gratefully accepted. For more information please contact Bonnie Roe 705-457-6579.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Record for apathy set

So, Ontario, where were you this election? There was a little less than 44 per cent of eligible voters who cast a ballot, which is a provincial record by 15 per cent.

Doug Ford won a majority, but, really, we all lost. The Conservatives can be happy about the victory because they get to govern the province for another four years. However, we all need to take a look in the mirror about where we stand regarding why we set the record for lowest voter turnout with just 43.5 per cent of eligible voters going to the polls to exercise their democratic freedom in provincial history. What kind of democracy do we have when close to 1.9 million people out of 10.8 million voters are represented by the government of choice.

While the New Democratic Party's leader Andrea Horwath won her seat, she stepped down as leader, and the Liberal's Steven Del Duca, who was defeated in his riding, resigned. Both announcing the news during televised concession speeches on election night.

For the second consecutive election, the Liberals do not have official party status after finishing with less seats than the required 12 seats, which was changed by Doug Ford in 2018. Close to a split of the left vote taken by the Liberals and the NDP proved to be a mathematical dream scenario for the Conservatives, who won despite avoiding the media and some all-candidate events.

Locally, Laurie Scott was re-elected for the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding for a sixth time.

She received 25,656 votes, which was good for 52.75 per cent of the eligible voters, beating the next closest candidate Barbara Doyle of the NDP by 17,979 votes. (By the way, our voter turnout was only a few per cent better than the provincial turnout.)

Scott in a post-election interview said she spoke to supporters during the campaign trail who said they always look for the name Scott when voting, which harkens back to her father, William C. Scott who was first elected to the House of Commons in 1965 and won six more elections.

This could be interpreted as a good thing for her, but I believe it's a problem for democracy because people are not looking beyond a name for what a candidate will bring. It's something I considered in the federal election with Justin Trudeau. My parents loved former Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau. I do not share the same enthusiasm for a name. I don't hate

Justin nor love him, but I looked at what he promised and what he has achieved before casting my vote.

In the 2018 election, Scott took almost 57 per cent of ballots cast in the riding. By comparison in the 2014 election she took about 41 per cent.

As I wrote in a past editorial, we get what we deserve instead of what we need sometimes. The Conserva-

tives are boasting about close to \$200 billion in spending, much of it with infrastructure expenditures, which includes building highways, public transit, health care facilities and schools over the next decade, but also promises for the expansion of eligibility for low-income individuals and families with the LIFT tax credit, and a tax credit for Ontario seniors care at home. But what about the teachers, the health care professionals needed for these buildings?

I want to be steadfast in my optimism for a bright future, but we've seen by the actions of this provincial government how doing the same thing over and over doesn't yield a different result just because of hope. Then again, "Let's get it done" is a catchy phrase. Let's see what happens though.



darren lum

Editorial



Spring blossoms

by Darren Lum

Happily choosing

METTA IS A word in the Pali language that has been translated as boundless friendliness, general benevolence or goodwill, and loving kindness to everyone. There are many phrases that can be used and teachers often create their own to express metta. Regardless of the words you choose use, metta is a type of meditation practice in which one silently recites a set of phrases that are designed to open the heart and cultivate a friendly attitude towards oneself and towards others. The phrases can be very simple or can be more complicated. They are intended to be used in all aspects of your life throughout your day. For example, while standing in the line to pay for groceries or while riding your bike down the rail trail. The practice begins by offering the phrases to yourself, and then eventually extending them slowly to your family and then to friends, and then to people you don't like or people that don't like you, to the people in front and behind of you and to all beings. Metta wishes loving kindness for all. I recently had a teacher use a phrase that I hadn't heard before. The phrases were this: "May I be healthy and strong. May I be free from enmity, sickness and grief. May I be free from mental suffering. May I be free from physical suffering. May I take care of myself happily."

The last line of these phrases has stuck with me and intrigued me.

"May I take care of myself happily."

Who am I when I look after myself happily? What kind of person am I to be around when I am looking after myself happily? I find myself walking down the trail these days thinking, "May I walk Billie Rose happily." Or while cooking dinner, "May I prepare my food happily." It is a nice focus and reminder.

I think many of us are transitioning back out into the world after two years of being at home during the pandemic. I have found that using these phrases help as I take steps towards re-engaging. Last night, I attended the concert with My Son the Hurricane at Abbey Gardens, hosted by the Haliburton County Folk Society. "May I see old friends and social-

ize happily." "May I dance for the first time in a couple of years happily."

Setting the intention to be happy before I head out and reminding myself as I go, is so helpful for me. It was a beautiful evening under the big tent, the band was so much fun. These are the kind of evenings that nourish our hearts and souls and give us the energy to carry on and deal with all of the challenges that we face in our own families, in our communities and in the world. It is a simple practice that can have a big impact. Choosing to be happy in the smallest and biggest details of our life. "May you take care of yourself happily."

Tales from the great



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points of view

The high price of gas

I AM NOT a person who typically protests great injustices. If that were the case, I would have protested the fact that they sell hotdogs in packages of eight and hotdog buns in packages of six long ago.

But when gas surpassed \$2 a litre, I decided that I could not just let this affront to go unchallenged. That's why I started a protest movement that I think might resonate with others, especially now that bass season is just around the corner.

Interestingly, Jenn was not impressed.

"So let me get this straight," she responded. "You refuse to fill the lawnmower until the price of gas drops?"

I nodded and replied, "That's correct. I will no longer support the oil industry by purchasing gas for our lawnmower!"

"Interesting," she said. "How low do gas prices have to go before you let the industry off the hook?"

"I'm thinking 22 cents a litre," I said.

That's when Jenn said something that really hurt.

"Are you sure this is a moral, rather than a self-serving stance?" she asked.

"Why would you even ask me that?" I replied.

"Well," she said. "You have a long, well-documented history of avoiding lawn care."

"I do not," I said.

"Really? Last year you called a moratorium on grass cutting after you watched a toad hop across the lawn ..."

"Reptiles of the world have it hard enough in these dark times," I said. "Why destroy their habi-



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"And the summer before you called a moratorium on grass cutting because you thought it would hurt what you referred to as 'our grasshopper herd.'"

She was referencing my valiant but failed attempt at becoming our region's first grasshopper rancher, which frankly would have been a good idea had I found capable hands to accompany me on the grasshopper drive from my ranch to our local bait shops. But alas, branding and lassoing hoppers is not as easy as you might think.

She then reminded me that I called yet another moratorium on grass cutting the summer before that. In that case that to compensate for the loss of our planet's rain forests. And then the year prior to that, she noted that I called one because I took the lyrics of the song, "It's not easy being green" to heart.

"Guilty as charged on all counts," I said. "But this time, I am going to hit the oil industry where it hurts most."

"In the change purse?" she said. "You know our lawn mower hardly uses any gas, right? A litre lasts a whole summer."

"Admittedly, gas companies might not feel the pinch right away," I conceded. "But I cannot just be idle while this happens. Which is why I will go fishing instead of using our lawn mower."

"So, you will not be filling up your outboard motor either?"

"Whoa!" I said. "Let's not get too crazy here. I think a more graduated approach is required. Our weed whacker will be next."

"It's electric," she replied.

"Electric huh? That explains a lot," I muttered.

In the end we agreed to disagree on my protest. Mostly because Jenn strongly doubts that one person can fight the oil industry alone. Plus, she likes my protests better when they are closer to a grass roots level.



pic of the past

From the Haliburton Highlands Museum's archives, the Malloy and Bryans saw mill on Head Lake in Haliburton Village. It is from the museum's book, *Haliburton: A History in Pictures*. The original mill was set up on the shore of Head Lake in the early 1900's in the vicinity of the present-day band shell. It was a partnership between Jacob Malloy (1856-1921) and William Noble Bryans (1856-1922), both of Toronto. They produced lumber, barrel staves, basket bottoms, and shingles. The mill was destroyed by fire in 1920. From the *Canada Lumberman and Woodworker* of March 15, 1920, we learn: "Fire destroyed the sawmill of Malloy and Brian (sic), Haliburton, Ont. The loss is \$40,000. It is expected the mill will be rebuilt." The mill was re-built, as shown in the attached photograph, but the partners passed away shortly afterward. This led to the sale of the company's Haliburton operations in 1923. It is stated in the *Canada Lumberman and Woodworker* of Feb. 1, 1923: "The Carew interests of Lindsay have bought the Malloy & Bryans mill at Haliburton, Ont. The new company has secured a charter and will be known as the Haliburton Lumber Co." /Submitted by Haliburton Highlands Museum, curator Steve Hill

letters to the editor

Grass Lake wetlands is important to everyone

To the Editor,

I invite area residents of Haliburton to take a drive along Peninsula Road on Grass Lake to soak in the natural beauty and wildlife habitat of the Grass Lake wetlands, as they may be gone in a few short years – desecrated by development! You access Peninsula Road directly from County Road 21 just west of Tim Hortons. Immediately on your left is Grass Lake and 1,500 feet of shoreline with a forested and sloping terrain attached to the Grass Lake wetlands – an integral part of Lake Kashagawigamog's ecosystem.

This is the site that Harburn Holdings proposes to develop four buildings with a footprint for 88 condominiums. The proponent has, over the years, cleared all of the underbrush and many of the birch, maple, pine and balsam trees. They have trucked in hundreds of loads of fill to make grassy, open areas, including a manmade pond. It has created a land bridge to the one small piece of treed land that borders the lake. Locals called it "the island." It is surrounded by water no more!

Watch for a doe and her newborn fawns in the site's forest, a great blue heron stalking the marsh, or a turtle crossing the road. There is a periodic

stream in one section of the site that is designated Environmentally Protected. In summer, you can see the vast carpet of lily pads that blankets the waterfront and provides essential habitat for the amphibian, wildlife, fish and reptiles that call this pristine natural setting home.

Drive down Peninsula Road and take a long look at this site, so unsuitable for development, but so critical to our environment. Show your children and grandchildren, and explain to them what responsible environmental stewardship means. Better still, write to Dysart council to remind it what that means!

Don Ross
Peninsula Road, Haliburton

Editor's note: On the Dysart et al website, the planning application from Harburn Holdings Ltd., which includes reports and studies, including letters of opposition by the Friends of Grass Lake.

See www.dysartetal.ca/en/build-and-invest/current-development-applications.aspx#Harburn-Holdings-Ltd-Official-Plan-File-No-D10-OPA-2021-001---Zoning-By-law-Amendment-File-No-D14-ZB-2021-006 for more information.

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Decrease in COVID-19 prior to possible fall increase

Health unit moves to weekly reporting of COVID-19 stats

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from a Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit press conference with medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking, held virtually on June 1.

The health unit is now seeing about 10 to 20 new lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 a day, a decrease from anywhere from 60 to more than 100 new cases a day at the peak of the Omicron or Omicron variant waves. Bocking noted the region is at the "tail end" of the sixth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As of the time of the media briefing last week, Bocking said there were three outbreaks in high-risk settings. Locally, test positivity – though PCR testing remains limited to those in high-risk settings only – was down to about 7.7 per cent, at its peak being 23 per cent and currently in the province being recorded between eight to nine per cent.

"Certainly not down to zero, but a level we haven't seen since the introduction of the Omicron variant," Bocking said.

There had been three hospital admissions in the past 14 days.

Wastewater surveillance was indicating a decrease in COVID activity, with sewersheds in Lindsay and Cobourg being monitored. Lindsay's viral signal showed a decrease to pre-Omicron levels, the lowest it's been for some time, while Cobourg had experienced a slight bump back up recently but was hopefully on the way down, said Bocking.

"I anticipate really because Omicron is so contagious, it's not going to disappear completely," said Bocking. "We're going to see likely an ongoing trickle of cases. We might see little bumps in our wastewater surveillance data, but hopefully now we're in a period of time where

we're not seeing a significant increase or another surge or wave ... our hope and outlook is that we wouldn't see it until the fall, unless a new variant were to emerge."

Bocking said during the Omicron variant wave since the beginning of January, 77 outbreaks in the highest risk settings, 140 hospital admissions, 27 ICU admissions and 45 deaths were recorded. Since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020, 108 deaths related to COVID-19 have occurred in the region.

As the incidence of COVID-19 has decreased, so too will the health unit's dashboard updates, with those updates now occurring once weekly, on Wednesdays, unless or until another increase in activity occurs.

Staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccination

The schedule for vaccinations has gotten more complicated, said Bocking, and for the public to know who is eligible for which dose. See www.hkpr.on.ca for more information.

She said those 60 and older are currently eligible for a second booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

Throughout the region she said there's been "good uptake," among those 90 and older, with 90.7 per cent of people having received their first booster dose and 42.8 per cent having received their second booster dose.

Among the entire population, 28 per cent have received a second booster dose.

"So certainly a large number of people that are still eligible for their second booster dose," Bocking said.

She reminded individuals at highest risk that vaccines provide "very good protection" against severe illness, hospitalization and death.

"It's not 100 per cent, but it's highly effective and one of the best tools we have at preventing severe illness," Bocking said.

For those with stem cell implants, solid organ recipients and people undergoing therapy for cancer, it's especially important to be up-to-date with receiving vaccinations.

Bocking said for people who have had COVID-19, it's still recommended to be vaccinated, as there's some natural immunity after the infection but that doesn't seem to be as durable or strong as vaccination.

"There are some studies that are indicating if you receive vaccination after being infected with COVID, it further boosts your immune response, and therefore it increases your protection against severe illness with COVID-19," she said.

The current recommendation is that if you've had COVID, you should wait approximately five months or so before you get your next dose of vaccine when it's

due, but depending on what your risk is for more severe illness it might make sense for you to receive it sooner than five months, said Bocking, recommending that people contact their primary care provider to discuss best practices.

Vaccine availability

COVID-19 vaccine is available at participating pharmacies, through some primary care providers, and at health unit led clinics.

A GO-VAXX bus will be at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena at 55 Parkside Street in Minden on June 7, 20 and 28 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on July 12 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Walk-ins available (no appointment needed).

A GO-VAXX bus will be on site at the Haliburton Welcome/Tourism Information Centre at 7 York Street in Haliburton on June 14 and 30 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Walk-ins available (no appointment needed).

In Gooderham, a GO-VAXX bus will be on site on June 23 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Walk-ins available (no appointment needed).

Additional appointments might be available through covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine.

Vaccines for the youngest community members

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved vaccine for those under the age of five. Data is currently being reviewed by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization for Canada. Bocking said she expects to see the results of that review and official Health Canada approval or recommendations for the use of vaccine in that age group in the next couple of months, likely over the summer.

Health unit messaging

Bocking said the message regarding COVID-19 safety remains the same, including that people wear masks where they can't keep a distance from others in large crowded events.

"This is not just to do with protecting oneself, but also protecting those other community members that are at higher risk of illness," Bocking said. "Again, masks are easy and effective and in those highest risk scenarios, we do still have COVID-19 infection in the community."

Otherwise, she said, now is the time to look forward to the summer months ahead, spend time outside, reconnect with family members that haven't been seen, "before we look to the fall where I would anticipate we would see an increase in activity again."



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Public invited to mural unveiling

The public is being invited to the official unveiling ceremony of the newest athletic murals destined for the side of the A.J. LaRue Arena to recognize the achievements of Olympian Lesley Tashlin and the area's first pro football player Taly Williams.

Scheduled for Saturday, June 18 at the arena located at 728 Mountain Street in Haliburton, this long-awaited event is the result of committed J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School students led by teacher Marina Thomazo. It starts at 10:30 a.m. and will begin with a welcome from hosts Jim Blake and Lindsey Tashlin, who is Lesley's twin sister, followed by a speech from Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts, then speeches from the mural honourees, Tashlin and Williams, who is making the trip

from his home in California, words from Thomazo and a few students behind the effort, a speech from retired Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teacher and coach Paul Morissette, and then ending with the unveiling of the murals. Photos are to follow.

Days before the ceremony, the murals will be installed by Signarama on June 14, with the mural artist Annie Hamel overseeing the execution.

Although this ceremony is on the same day as the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony, also open to the public, it is separate event.

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Watch Haliburton Dance Academy's recital for the last time ever

Owner feels weight of the decision in closing the academy, but knows it is the right decision

DARREN LUM

Editor

It's difficult saying goodbye to the one you love.

The Haliburton Dance Academy owner Chyna Schell is still processing the decision to close the place that felt like a "second home" for her dancers, but said it was a decision that prioritized her family.

"Because that's what I remember getting the most out of it is just being able [for dancers] to say that that was my second family and that was my second home and being just as comfortable under the studio roof as I was at home and [that's] what's most important," she said.

Schell said its with a heavy heart that she had to make the "hardest decision I've ever had to make."

The show will not go on, so she invites the public to see the year-end recital to end the final chapter of the dance studio, which has been a home and creative space of art and growth for generations of dancers.

Held over three days at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, the recital performances are scheduled on June 17 at 7 p.m., on June 18 at 10 a.m., with a solo showcase at 2 p.m., and then 7 p.m., and on June 19 at 11 a.m. Purchase tickets online at onstagedirect.com and look for Haliburton Dance Academy. Following the academy's last recital scheduled from June 17 to 19 (time of show), the school will close its doors and turn the lights out for good.

"It's been a roller coaster of emotions for the woman, who has held every role even before she took over the business as owner and operator at 23 in 2012 from Terri Mathews who started the studio as Dance Co. in 1996. Schell was a dancer, dance assistant, dance camp counselor, and competitive dancer. Schell said it was so natural taking it over from Mathews. She credits her for enabling the business to have the solid footing, which led to her own success.

"It was built up before I took over in 2012," she said.

It's not an exaggeration that this academy has been her life.

"It's a major passion project. To say the least, I'm obsessed with it. The kids are my family. The parents are my family. I know everyone individually and have a unique relationship with everyone and there is a lot of heartache there. It's really sad for me. I'm going to miss everyone, exponentially. I'm really sad, but at the same time I'm also excited for my family, who are my main priority and need to come first and the studio was getting to the point where it was taking me away from them at a degree I was no longer comfortable with. So, I'm excited for this new chapter for my family, what it looks like for my kids, and the attention I'll have for them and the energy I will have for them. It's just everything. It's a lot," she said.

Added to the decision was the financial difficulties facing the school, which came from running a dance school with the constraints of the health measures imposed by the provincial government during the pandemic over close to two years. She said it wasn't about the fight within her to do the work to resolve the financial issues, but coupled with finance issues was the added demands of raising two young children, Olly Williams, nine, and Jude, six and the arrival of her third child born in December, 2021.



Haliburton Dance Academy owner Chyna Schell has mixed emotions about closing her dance studio, but said it is the best decision for her family. She said her studio was really a community effort, which benefitted children and youth in their desire to dance. /DARREN LUM Staff

"I feel like that was sort of my sign, saying ok, we put you in a financial position that you were going to really struggle with and, if you need any more of a push, here it is and you don't have a choice now," she said.

Her third child, Mabel, was born with "severe HIE condition" or Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy, which is a very serious type of infant brain damage that occurs during childbirth when the baby's brain is deprived of blood and oxygen.

"Now she is doing really well, but there's risk of cerebral palsy in her future needs, or needs that she may need special attention for, and I'm not manifesting any of that negativity for her, but I also want to make sure that I have positioned myself so that I can take on the role of her caretaker full time, if that is what it comes to ... she's doing really well, but I would just hate to not be available for her, if she needs more," she said.

This dance studio has always been more than just her, she said.

She can still remember when she saw 10 parents volunteering their time to help drywall in her current location on Industrial Park Road in Haliburton.

"I know that this is a community project. This isn't just a one man show, or a one woman show by any means because it always ran on gratitude for our community and although it is a small busi-

ness, it's really fuelled by love and family dynamic," she said.

She adds at the core of her past 10 years rested with the support of the community.

Schell said the school has always been about the children.

"Literally, an image of them just pops into my mind ... just them overall. Their energy. Their laughter ... Their jokes. Their nerves offstage. Their nerves to go on stage. Their enthusiasm. Everything. They make it worth going into every night," she said.

Schell said she waited to make this announcement until now out of respect for her dancers, who she believed may have felt anger at her for finishing the year of instruction to make money.

Selling the business hasn't been ruled out, but at this time the few opportunities haven't panned out for a variety of reasons at this time. In general, part of the consideration for any business handover is her respect for the 26-year history of the academy and how it has always been at its core, a family business. She also wanted to ensure the same high standard of instruction she carried forward from her predecessor. Even with her connections in the county and the surrounding area, it's been difficult to recruit qualified instructors to maintain the excellence her dancers deserve.

The year before COVID the school had

150 dancers, which doesn't include the registered dancers for the weekly classes and drop-ins. There are nine instructors with the academy.

When it comes to any highlights there isn't any one class, group or performance that stands out for the business owner, who is married. It is about the lustre of the feeling of the new beginning of each year she will always remember.

"If anything, the most specific I can get is just that moment in September when you come back and they get to see what they're doing this year and they get to see what you've been brainstorming over the summer when it comes to choreography, music and costumes, and their enthusiasm and excitement to be back at it and just seeing their ability to see what you see in your mind is really cool when they come back and they're just as excited as you are for that to [be created]," she said.

She laments not being able to give her own children an opportunity to dance and learn from her, but knows in her heart she is making the right decision. It was her hope to see the next generation graduate.

"There are kids that I know teaching who I grew up dancing with their parents and it's so cool ... the dream was I would see them graduating, but, unfortunately, it just isn't working right now," she said.



Savouring the sales

Linda Code, from left, sells books to cottager Mike Riley during the 503 Street Sale on Saturday, May 21 in Gooderham. Organized by the Gooderham Community Action Group, the event enabled town-wide sale for sellers and provided the public an opportunity to purchase a variety of goods from books, kitchenware to sporting equipment. /DARREN LUM Staff

Show stopper

The Dock Spot's owner and operator Owen Trefry speaks to a person at the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show on Friday, June 3 in Haliburton. Held from Friday, June 3 to Sunday, June 4, the event boasted area businesses like the Tory Hill-based Dock Spot, which was one of more than 130 vendors, including 40 new ones this year at the A.J. LaRue Arena and the Haliburton Curling Club. /DARREN LUM Staff



Rescue 7 sales executive Courtney Kovacs speaks to Highlands resident Fiona Fraser about an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). / DARREN LUM Staff



Emmerson Rent-All technician sits on a riding mower while holding one of a few chainsaws showcased at the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show. /DARREN LUM Staff



The Haliburton Home and Cottage Show returned for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic began with dates of June 3, 4, and 5 at the Haliburton Curling Club and A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Deep Roots Adventure owner and operator Corina Mansfield with daughter Pearl offer a sample to an event goer. /DARREN LUM Staff



New beginnings

Fourteen of close to 80 Haliburton School of Art + Design - Fleming College graduates celebrated after their in-person convocation on Friday, June 3. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Zenon Bigg, valedictorian at Haliburton School of Art + Design - Fleming College, gives a speech during their convocation on Friday, June 3. Bigg said, "My favourite part of this arts community is the good-natured, criticism, support, and encouragement from my fellow artists."



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Making connections to a career

Trade work will fund young woman’s equine passion

DARREN LUM
Editor

The following is in a series of co-op placement stories, featuring Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students and area employers in Haliburton County. Open to Grade 11 and 12 students, the co-op program enables students to earn high school credits by integrating course curriculum with learning at a work placement.

There’s a lot of belief derived from doing. Haliburton Highlands Secondary School’s Sydney Christian surprised herself from her hands-on training with her father learning about plumbing from her co-op experience. Sydney is pragmatic about the career, saying money is a motivator for her desire to plumbing. “It was kind of like they make good money and I have a good brain for it,” she said. Her father Ed Docherty, who was subcontracted for the plumbing work clarifies his daughter is “mechanically inclined.” He adds she’s been helping him since she was 12.

From the online job bank Indeed, the average hourly pay for a plumber is \$34.62 in Ontario. Taking the four-credit co-op was part of her plan for a lucrative career, which will help fund her love of horses.

The Grade 12 student said the full immersion of hands-on training with her father was the best for her.

“It’s a good opportunity to get out of class and learn something you can use in life and get out there and get hands-on and do stuff that you need to know,” she said.

Sydney learned about the tools and how to use them, the fittings and steps and techniques for installation, which varies depending on work sites. At a Haliburton work site, she learned how to install a shower valve and how to replace a water pump.

Her father believes the shortages in the trades could be alleviated by drawing more women like his daughter. “We need more and they need to know they can do that,” he said.

He said the importance is also related to the changing world and that the market’s need demands it.

“There’s lots of work in the trades. Yeah, we’re starving for trades all over the place. My phone rings off the hook,” he said, adding he turns away about 50 per cent of his calls

Originally, from Barrie, Docherty moved here 20 years ago.

Before he started his own plumbing business about 10 years ago he was an employee of Stoughton Electric. He said Jason Stoughton provided him help to start his own business and he was busy right from the start.

He believes co-op offers students such as his daughter vital learning opportunities.

“It gets the kids out, so they can learn and see if they like it or not and see how it actually is out there. I think Sydney found it was a lot different than what she thought it would be,” he said. “Hopefully, she’ll stick with it afterwards and become a plumber too.”

The experience, she said, has given her a sense of empowerment, regarding her capabilities.



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Sydney Christian works with a part before installing during her co-op placement at a residence in Haliburton. Sydney welcomes the opportunity for a career in the trades because of her aptitude for the work.

Her comprehension about the relationship of the pipes, as far as where everything goes and how they fit together has grown beyond her expectations. It’s provided a feeling of achievement.

Sydney didn’t consider a career working with horses because of the poor potential for income and knew plumbing could offer an opportunity to earn enough money to own horses. Her family owns four horses, so she is aware of the expenses.

She said the valuable lesson she has taken from co-op, which is something she wants others to understand, is from doing there is belief.

The 17-year-old said from doing the work “that I can try and I can [achieve].”



Plumber Ed Docherty and his daughter Sydney Christian discuss the next course of action at a job site in Haliburton from a few months ago. Christian is a Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student who received hands-on training through her co-op placement. /DARREN LUM Staff



Sydney Christian installs piping during her co-op placement.

Update: Sydney continues to still work with her father while attending school and is enrolled in the mechanical trades dual credit program, which provides her an opportunity to earn college and high school credits while developing her plumbing skills.

St. George’s Anglican Church Yard Sale returns one last time

This Saturday will be the day when it all ends. With a two year hiatus because of the pandemic, the annual St. George’s Anglican Church Yard Sale returns for one more time only.

It will be held rain or shine from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 11 at 9 Cedar Avenue in Haliburton and include a variety of items from books, sporting equipment and dishware. The money raised will pay for the repairs to the church’s rectory.

With the exception of one or two tables of items des-

ignated “treasure” items, everything will be available by donation. Donated items to sell are welcomed and can be dropped off at the yard sale location leading up to the event.

Anything not sold by the conclusion of the sale will be donated to the Lily Ann Thrift Store, the Thrift Warehouse, or taken to the landfill. Organizers thank those who donate, or give time to help set up, take down or sort.

Staff

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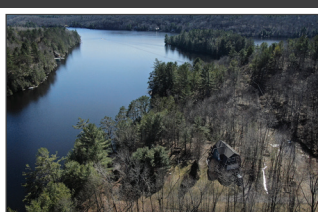
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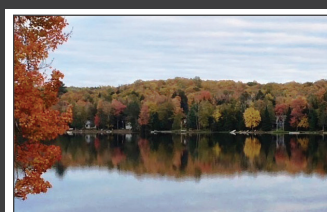
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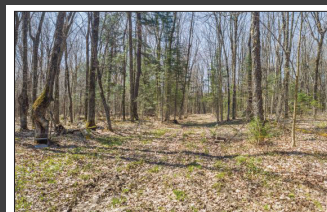
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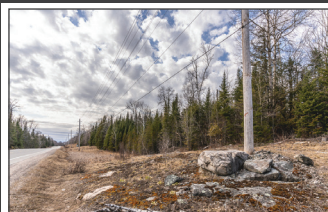
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- Hydro & Bell available at the lot line
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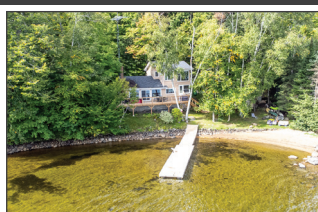
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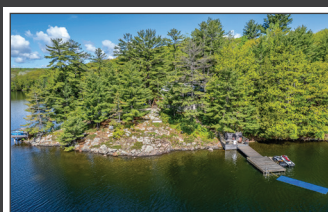
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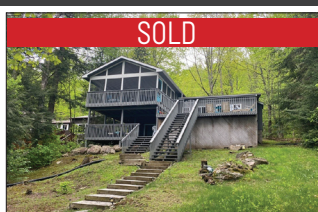
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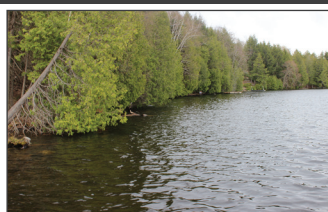
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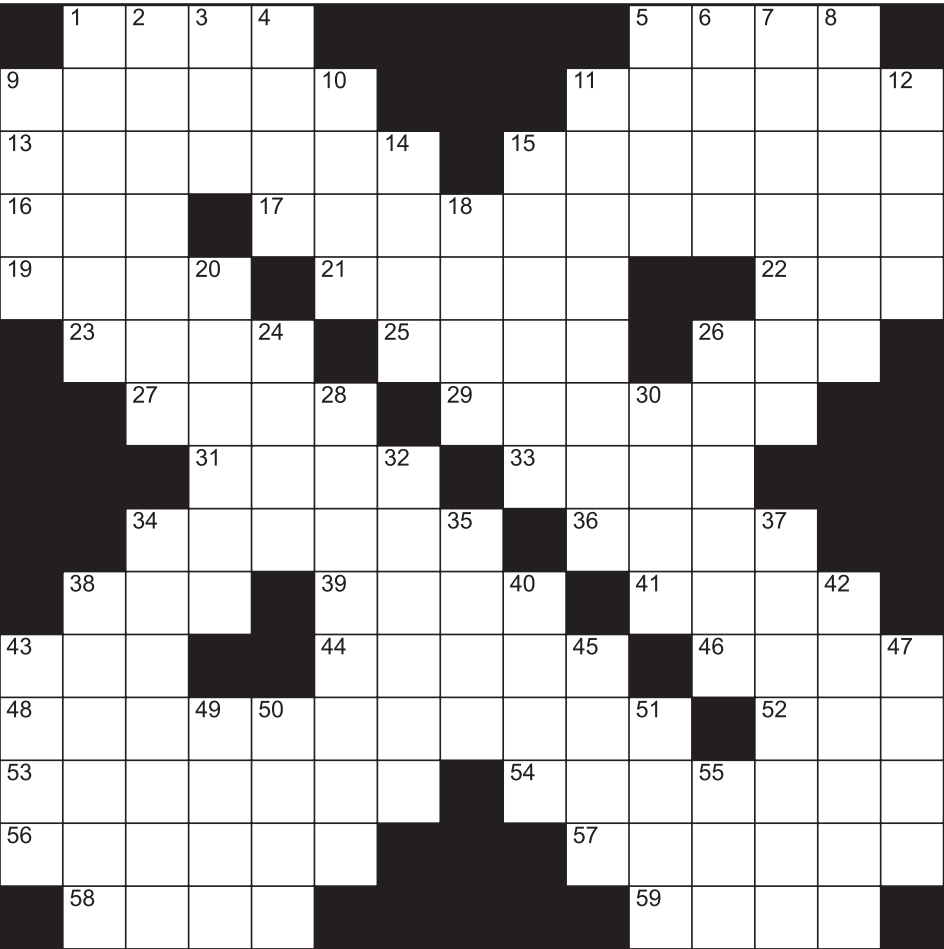
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- CLUES ACROSS

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 - 5. Growl
 - 9. Where things stand
 - 11. Made a sharp sound
 - 13. Female spirit in Irish folklore
 - 15. Deteriorate with age
 - 16. A way to save for retirement
 - 17. The Big Apple
 - 19. Intestinal pouches
 - 21. City in New Hampshire
 - 22. Giving a bad impression
 - 23. Samsung laptops
 - 25. Without (French)
 - 26. Scientist's tool (abbr.)
 - 27. System of one more computers
 - 29. Captures
 - 31. Authentic
 - 33. Female mammal's nipple
 - 34. Pandemonium
 - 36. Satisfy
 - 38. Arrived extinct
 - 39. Shipborne radar (abbr.)
 - 41. Network of nerves
 - 43. Monetary unit
 - 44. Showed old TV show
 - 46. They help you hear
 - 48. One who eliminates
 - 52. Congress' investigative arm
 - 53. Parties
 - 54. Most supernatural
 - 56. Takes illegally
 - 57. Breathes while asleep
 - 58. Sea eagles
 - 59. German surname
- CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Looks at for a long time
 - 2. Solution for diseases
 - 3. Belonging to a thing
 - 4. Former Packers fullback
 - 5. Contemptible person
 - 6. One billionth of a second (abbr.)
 - 7. Helps
 - 8. Final section of the large intestine
 - 9. Invests in little enterprises
 - 10. Look for
 - 11. Unbeliefs
 - 12. Susan and Tom are two
 - 14. Female sheep
 - 15. A poet writes it
 - 18. Affirmatives
 - 20. "Full House" actress Barber
 - 24. Traveled rapidly
 - 26. Long upholstered seat
 - 28. Set wages
 - 30. Peter Gabriel song
 - 32. Sides of a jacket
 - 34. More beautiful
 - 35. Actress Kate
 - 37. Furniture with open shelves
 - 38. Indicate
 - 40. The cost of a room
 - 42. Gets rid of something
 - 43. Impudence
 - 45. No No No
 - 47. Drunkards
 - 49. Middle eastern country
 - 50. High energy lasers (abbr.)
 - 51. Primary component of ribosomes
 - 55. An informal debt instrument

Answers on page 12

Highland Yard continues virtual edition

DARREN LUM
Editor

Places for People (P4P) is the real winner of the Highland Yard run. Its long-time organizer Jack Russel said the annual event is important to the not-for-profit organization, which helps to create affordable housing opportunities for people in the Highlands.

"The Highland Yard continues to be the major fundraiser for Places for People and the need for affordable housing continues to be a critical issue - money raised goes directly to Places for People as it transitions from managing single dwellings to a multi-unit dwelling [planned] in Haliburton on Wallings Road. [It will provide] individuals/families with secure housing [and] is crucial for their ability to manage life transitions," he wrote in an email.

Russel adds the run and its fundraising aspect provides individuals an opportunity to connect with the community and fulfill the need to support affordable housing in Haliburton County.

"This has always been our goal since 2012 when P4P offered the Highland Yard. Of course, we have also wished to provide a great measured race for those who wish to compete and achieve their personal best time in either the five kilometre or 10 kilometre distances," he wrote.

There are also options such as a two kilometre and freestyle "runs" that don't require any running, including the 7.3 kil-

ometre "Heritage" distance. Registration is open for the event. See website www.highlandyard.ca for more information and to register.

The virtual run enables participants to complete their distances and whatever they choose to do for the event wherever they are, as it has been the last two years.

He said, "The committee decided in March to offer another virtual run given the uncertainty of COVID, but we also wished to bring people together, thus the celebration event at Abbey Gardens."

The celebration is on Sept. 10 and recognizes the 50 year history of the run, as it was formerly known as the Heineken Yard, which ended with a celebration at the Rockcliffe Tavern in Minden.

"Had it not been for two staff members from Camp Onondaga, who were having a day off enjoying lunch at the Rockcliffe and betted that one could beat the other in a race from the camp to the Rockcliffe, this race would not be what it is," he wrote.

"We wish to celebrate this history! So, on Sept. 10, there will be speeches, food, live music, a one kilometre race for the kids, an opportunity to Pet The Ponies, and the awarding of the Dave Jones Fundraising Award. Dave Jones was a long-time runner in the 'Yard' and over the past 10 years fundraised around \$40,000 for Places for People. When he died, he bequeathed \$10,000 to P4P. Dave was a huge advocate for affordable housing in Haliburton County and believed strongly in the mission of Places for People."

Accepting students' applications for WFG Bursary

The Wilberforce FUNraisers were more than pleased with the results of their Wilberforce Community Sale on the May long-weekend. Kicking off summer events in the village, the new sale took place at the Wilberforce Curling Club. Billed as an opportunity to sell your "crafts, services or stuff," there was a wide variety on offer, including jewelry, crafts, and fine baking, as well as opportunities to support local organizations and scour the yard sale tables for antiques and finds. (I got a beautiful bone handled carving set. Thanks, Ann!)

The FUNraisers provided the tables free of charge, and ran a large yard sale table, also free of charge, but encouraged everyone to donate to the WFG (Wilberforce FUNraising Group) Bursary Fund in lieu of payment for items or tables. As always, those who came out to the event were more than generous, and the group raised more than \$500 that day, enough to fund a bursary for one student this spring.

The FUNraisers are dedicated to the betterment of the Wilberforce community, with an emphasis on opportunities for the young. They want to see the children of the community reach their full potential, and to have access to whatever further training they need to accomplish that.

So this will be the third year that the WFG will award a bursary to one or more local students. The first year there were two bursaries awarded. One to a local student enrolled in an apprentice-

ship program, and the other to a local student going to college to pursue a career in the culinary arts. Both students said they used the funds for course-related equipment. Last year, a student received support for studies in nursing at Canadore College. Her first year was 'stressful but very successful' and she was glad she had the funds to help with the purchase of the expensive books for her courses.

The deadline for bursary applications is July 1 this year. The WFG Bursary is \$500. It will be awarded to a local student or students who are graduating from high school this spring, and are pursuing a post-secondary program (whether it is an apprenticeship, at college or at university) in the coming months. Qualified candidates for the bursary must meet essential criteria: be from the Wilberforce area and/or attended the Wilberforce Elementary School, they can provide proof of enrolment in their post-secondary program and they will be willing to provide a progress report to the WFG at the end of their first year of apprenticeship, college or university.

Students interested in applying for the bursary can contact the WFG through Joan Barton at joan4196@gmail.com or at 705-448-3074. And dear reader, please, if you know a student who might fit the criteria and could use a hand, please, pass this information on.

Submitted by Joan Barton

Au revoir France, bon jour Haliburton

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

Even after five months of visiting grand Medieval castles, like the Château des ducs de Bretagne, and touring French vineyards in the Loire Valley, Emily Parish will always feel most at home in the rolling hills of the Haliburton Highlands.

Known in the county for her curling expertise, the 22-year-old Haliburton Highlands Secondary School alumnus recently returned home on May 21 after her study abroad for one semester at L'Université de Nantes in Nantes, France as part of her bachelor of arts program, majoring in French at Trent University. She was able to visit seven other European countries during her travels.

Parish was one of around 4,000 international students studying at L'Université de Nantes, which is a school more than four times as big as what she was used to at Trent University.

"I appreciate Haliburton County a lot more after being away for five months. I was really lucky to travel abroad and experience lots of different cultures, which reminded me of how lucky we are to live in Canada and to live in such a community-oriented, close-knit town," Parish said.

The exchange to France was long awaited for Parish, so she was excited to get the call from her program co-ordinator at Trent University that it was a go.

"I was supposed to do the exchange in my second year of university. It's one of the requirements in my program to complete a study abroad in Nantes. It ended up getting cancelled twice because of the COVID-19 pandemic, so I ended up going during my last year of my undergrad," said the Trent University graduate.

She explained that the exchange program allows students in the program to increase their level of bilingualism, expand their French accents, and learn about the culture.

Parish will work as a program facilitator at YMCA Camp Wanakita for the summer and complete her final year of her bachelor of education at Nipissing University in North Bay beginning this fall.

She said, "My plan is to finish my bachelor of education and to then teach French at the high school level. I'm hoping to stay and work in this area of Ontario and locally if possible."

While in France, Parish taught English to students in the equivalents of Grades 10 to 12 at a private school in Nantes called Lycée Talensac. This experience added a welcomed balance to her primarily French-speaking life in France.

Parish explained, "At first, it was strange to speak French constantly, but I was able to adapt and actually found that my internal dialogue was in French instead of English. It was so interesting to see how the education system works over there, and the students I taught were all amazing."

This experience was not her first time teaching. Parish also worked as a French tutor while studying at Trent University.

"I started French tutoring during the pandemic to help support the French immersion kids in Haliburton County who weren't getting a full experience with only at-home learning. I've continued with some of my students past the initial COVID-19 health measures, and I plan to continue tutoring going into the summer



Emily Parish completed a semester-long university exchange to Nantes, France, but is glad to be back home with her dog, Ruger. Parish will be completing her bachelor of education at Nipissing University beginning this fall to be able to teach French at the high school level. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

months," said the 22-year-old.

Parish said that it is very rewarding to teach French to local children because she was a French immersion student during her school years in Haliburton County, and she is happy to help others succeed in the program that changed the course of her own life.

"French is incredibly important to learn here in Canada because we're a bilingual country. Being bilingual has opened so many doors for me in both my professional life and my social life. I believe that one of the best things to ever happen to me was to be placed in the French immersion program here in Haliburton County," she said.

She now has connections all over the world from her time at L'Université de Nantes.

"My favourite part of the trip was meeting new people and making lots of different friends from different countries and knowing that I now have lifelong connections with others internationally," she said.

Parish said that Greece is her favourite place she vis-

ited because of the hospitality of the people and the beautiful, warm beaches in contrast to Ontario's frigid winter weather. Another favourite memory is seeing the tulip fields in full-bloom during the spring in the Netherlands.

"I went on a group trip with a bunch of my friends to Amsterdam and we rented an Airbnb in the middle of tulip fields and it was so beautiful. It was definitely one of my best memories," Parish said.

She would recommend that any student go on an exchange if the opportunity is presented to them, especially if they would like to pursue studies in another language.

She said, "The best advice I could give to others interested in studying abroad is that it seems absolutely terrifying to leave everything you know and to start a life in a new country, but you'll make so many memories and meet so many amazing people. It can be difficult at times, but overall, I have no regrets about my time in France."

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Giving back

Nine-year-old Sophia Gooley, from left, and her cousins Piper Ramsay, six, and brother Lawson, four, show the money they made with an impromptu lemonade sale while at home because of a P.A. day on Friday, June 3 at the end of a driveway on Wigamog Road in Haliburton. The cousins held another sale the next day, which they added to Friday's sales to donate \$270 to the Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank. The idea came from Sophia, who saw things in her room she had not used in while, which led to holding the lemonade sale to help others. /DARREN LUM Staff

Tip of the week

In 2015, Canada's building sector, including buildings with electricity-related emissions accounted for 17 per cent of the country's total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The choices that we make today about construction materials and heating options for buildings will last for generations, so it is important to understand how our buildings contribute to, and are affected by, global climate change.

Source: Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Canada's Built Environment from the Report of the Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources, Nov. 18.

Buying sustainable products for your new home or remodel can be a challenge: how can you distinguish the genuinely eco-friendly building materials from all the questionable marketing claims out there? A good rule of thumb is to look for products made from natural, renewable materials as well as products with recycled content.

Source: grenbuildingcanada.ca/2021/choosing-right-sustainable-building-construction-materials/

Submitted by the Highlands East Environment Committee

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The mobile detailing company's owner Christine Adrienne said her service is unique for the complete list of services it offers.

"We not only come to you with water and electricity, but we specialize in so much more than auto detailing! We are open to detailing just about anything from recreational vehicles, campers, trailers, automobiles, heavy machinery, docks and so much more," she wrote in an email. Adrienne said she originally started this company to serve farmers, so she could make their lives easier and enable them to be more profitable by keeping them

working in their fields rather than having to leave their property to have their equipment cleaned.

I wanted to be the reason they got their 'relaxing day' she said.

Although she has had more than 20 customers, who have not been farmers, she is still driven to serve customers anyway she can since starting on April 27.

Her mantra: "What's meant to be, will always work out."

It doesn't matter what the detailing job is, she said, we are here for our customers and if by chance we are busy, we make sure to provide a reference to a local that we trust.

"Our end goal, is now to be able to offer customers, as

many detailing services as possible at once and to save them the trip or hassle of travel," she wrote an email.

She noted how they went to a client's house where they were asked to perform a "de-cluttering clean" and were asked to return to stain the floors.

She said, "We don't really ever say, no!" All employees have background checks every three months, and they have maintenance staff available upon request for an extra charge. Give them a call today for your free quote 705-455-7421.

Staff

Broken, but not forgotten

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Eleanor Cooper

754-2278

How is it that a broken rib can affect your walking? Walking implies putting on shoes, which means pulling on socks, which in turn means bending, which hurts. Having such a low threshold for pain this meant awkward and slow movements. From morning till evening people came to help. My sister June is there at my feet so I don't have that painful reach as well as having to set the

table for every meal, the driving (of course) to visit my elder sister at Highland Wood, and to St George's Anglican Church on Sunday mornings for 10:30 a.m. service.

Unexpected help came in the form of an offer to bake June's birthday cake. Lin Tashlin had only met June a year ago but somehow they hit it off, and Lin remembered. My dear Morrisons's of Pine Lake came for tea and company, always a treat. Of course, I managed to vote on June 2.

I am assured from health professionals that I will get better. At least I can write and answer the phone, so I'm in touch with all the sources that matter. I anticipate strength that will enable me to dig and plant, which many of you will have already have done. Incapacity of the arm doesn't preclude me in seeing, so much to my delight I love the look of the lake, the view close by of the

cattle boarding on the near pasture and the look around from the lawn chairs now that the weather permits. In short, I could be worse off!

How encouraging to read of youngsters of all ages and from each of the schools participating in so many sports activities. As always, the coaches and teachers are to be congratulated on their efforts to be present and record the achievements. The highlight of athletic achievements comes on June 18 at 10:30 a.m. at the A.J. LaRue arena when Taly Williams and Lesley Tashlin will be honoured by their murals beside the former athletes of the county. We are tremendously proud of this brother and sister who have contributed so much in the wider world and are themselves proud to be acknowledged in the Haliburton they knew and loved so well.

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Friends are invited to a Celebration of Garth's Life at the Sir Sam's Ski Hill, 1054 Liswood Rd, Eagle Lake, ON on Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 1:00 until 5:00 pm.

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Grant freeze ups school budget by 15%

Municipalities must take over where province leaves off

by SUSAN GROBER
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The Haliburton County Board of Education has passed its 1989 budget and although the board's budget has only increased 10 per cent from last year, the municipalities will face an average 15.7 per cent increase to compensate for cuts in provincial operating grants.

Last year the province provided Haliburton County with a 9.7 per cent increase in grants (an increase of \$353,925 from the previous year). In 1989, inflation is up 5.3 per cent and enrollment is up 10 per cent. But the province's grant increased by less than one per cent (a difference over last year's grant of \$31,360).

The total board expenditures this year are \$11,866,977. The municipalities will pay for 66 per cent of this figure, with the province paying the rest. In 1988, municipalities were responsible for only 63 per cent.

The school board had anticipated

the province would increase grants by up to four per cent, so the nearly one per cent increase was a disappointment for business administrator Jim Bradley. He says more of the province's money has been allocated to boards such as those in Peel and York regions which are experiencing rapid growth. As well, Haliburton has a high assessment base because of cottages, so the increase in school enrollment seems small in comparison. Based on full-time populations, the increase would seem much more staggering.

According to Bradley, expenditures for 1989 haven't changed much from last year. Salaries and benefits account for 68.6 per cent of the expenditures, transportation for 11.3 per cent and supplies for 12.8 per cent. The remaining 6.1 per cent is for repairs and alterations, tuition fees and debt charges.

Also, the Ministry of Education has announced that neither Victoria Street Public School or Archie Stouffer Public School would receive capital funding for expansion

in the next three years. (See accompanying story.)

Both schools have been experiencing a shortage of space, and enrollment is still increasing. "We thought we would have to spend local dollars on additional space. But with the

overall increase in our budget, we've decided to put off starting a capital building fund for at least another year," says Bradley.

Expenditure increases have been minimal, and money allocated for capital costs was reduced from last

year's 2.6 per cent to 1.2 per cent of the budget.

"This year we're not budgeting for major capital works. It's all minor expenditures such as classroom furniture, window replacement and other general small

items which would not exceed \$3,000 or \$4,000."

Construction on the library resource centre addition to the high school is expected to start during the first week in May, and will not be affected as funding comes from a different provincial grant.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT



Well, it's constable punishment really. Just before last Wednesday's Education Week parade, Victoria Street School teacher, Diane Dawson, gave Const. Mike Maybee a taste of what the discipline was like

in 'the good old days.' Every class at the school—and students from Gooderham, J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School and HHSS—was dressed up to represent a different era. More pictures page 17.

Municipalities may help to cover HCSA loop costs

by MARTHA PERKINS
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Municipalities which have the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association's proposed new loop running within their boundaries will be asked to pay for the cost of bulldozing the trail.

At last Friday's meeting to discuss the loop and the proposed business levy, HCSA member and Dysart al councillor, Brian Watts, said "Dysart will pick up the tab for bulldozing" its section of trail and the other municipalities will be asked to do the same. "If everyone does it, we'll cover the trail."

In Dysart, 30 miles of trail would need to be bulldozed. With an estimated speed of one mile a day, and a cost of approximately \$480 a day, Dysart taxpayers would be paying at least \$14,400.

The other municipalities which would be involved are: Lutterworth, 11 kilometres, work for four to five days, \$2,400; Snowdon, seven kilometres of line, work for three days, \$1,440; Stanhope, nine kilometres, four days of work, \$1,920; and Anson, Hindon and Minden, 20.5 kilometres, 16 to 18 days of work, at least \$3,280. On the latter piece of trail, Gord Hamilton said the association would also have to work on five culverts, two small bridges, and one large

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Councils slapped with high levy increases

by SUSAN GROBER
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Municipal councils which are now drafting their budgets are being faced with education levy increases from 7.3 per cent to as high as 20 per cent resulting from a cut in provincial operating grants to the Haliburton County Board of Education.

Also, because distribution of the school budget is being recalculated, some municipalities will see an increase in their share of the budget, while others will see a decrease.

Dysart, Cardiff, Lutterworth and Snowdon are faced with an increased sharing ratio of the

According to the board's business administrator, Jim Bradley, some municipalities will find themselves paying a higher share of the budget than in past years. Assessment rates across the province are being re-evaluated so that distribution of the school board budget will be more fairly handled.

"Every municipality has a different base year which sets their assessment. Some might use 1979, while others use 1988. So, what they're facing now is common equalized assessment. There have been some inequities in the system. The 1979 rates don't reflect the large amount of growth occurring in some areas."

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budget. Those municipalities experiencing a decrease in budget input are Anson, Hindon and Minden, Bicroft, Glamorgan, Monmouth, Sherborne and Stanhope.

Although school boards across the province are seeing minimal increases in provincial grants, smaller boards such as Haliburton's are facing severe cuts.

The school budget this year has increased 10 per cent. But the county has only been allocated a less than one per cent increase in grants for 1989. Last year the budget increase was 7.97 per cent, while the provincial grant support increased 9.7 per cent.

So the municipalities are taking over where the province leaves off in their funding.

The Ontario Ministry of Education is phasing in the new share ratio over a five year period in order to avoid a drastic leap in taxes.

"But if we had been fortunate enough to pick up a larger provincial grant, then the overall increases wouldn't have been so high," says Bradley. "It all comes down to the province passing the funding of education down to the local taxpayer."

□Dysart et al. is looking at approximately 33.4 per cent of the share, and an overall increase of 20 per cent.

□Anson, Hindon and Minden have almost 19 per cent of the share, and will see a 12.8 per cent increase.

Schools face 3-year expansion wait

by SUSAN GROBER
Staff Reporter

The Haliburton County Board of Education is really feeling the squeeze now that capital funding requests for expansion of accommodation at Archie Stouffer Public School and Victoria Street Public School have been rejected by the Ministry of Education for the next three years.

In previous years, school boards would submit a five year forecast each October and would receive a response for one year. Now the ministry announces its allocations over a three year period, and Haliburton County didn't meet approval for any of the province's \$300-million building fund. That means Haliburton cannot re-apply for funding until 1992.

At the last Tuesday's board meeting, director of education, Stuart Baker, told trustees that the ministry has set aside "a small amount of money in reserve for critical situations." The county can resubmit its proposal each October within the next three years, but at board's business administrator, Jim

Bradley, says this money is allocated for emergencies such as an exploding boiler or major structural repairs.

Baker said the problems with expansion in Haliburton County aren't as obvious to the ministry as those school boards that have a larger student population, and are facing "phenomenal growth." Both public

Sandford Fleming campus. "The (children) who get on the bus first drive around Haliburton Village for almost 45 minutes. I find it very disturbing."

Baker said the county must take new initiatives in competing against southern Ontario school boards for provincial funding.

"I think it's just deplorable in the

"Whole groups of children are going to go through the school system in Haliburton without ever having proper accommodation."

and separate school boards in Peel, Dufferin, Halton and Durham have joined together to lobby the province for more money to pay for rapid growth in their areas. "They will have such a clout that there will be very little left for Haliburton County," he said.

Baker told trustees that the ministry was informed about the length of time many students in this area spend on school buses because they are spread out between J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School, Victoria Street and the Sir

province at this time. Rural boards aren't getting their fair share of money for new accommodation. Too many are heard because of lobbying."

Angered over the ministry's decision, Baker suggested that our forefathers had better methods of accommodating students on a tight budget. "They didn't put students in the tar paper shacks they call portables these days. Students then at least had a heated building and access to a privy."

Baker said the school board must

take action or else "whole groups of children are going to go through the school system in Haliburton without ever having proper accommodation."

The board's accommodation committee will be re-activated this summer, with Cheryl Murdoch chairing for Minden and Wayne Wood chairing for Haliburton Village. They will look at various alternatives to accommodate the county's growing school population.

"We may have to look at raising the money to build on our own, or to use IGAs or portables," says the board's director.

One major problem this committee will face is the temporary zoning and lease of the former Dollo's IGA building, which accommodates kindergarten and Grade 1 students in Minden. The building's three-year lease expires before the county will be considered for more funding.

"We may have to go back to the OMB (Ontario Municipal Board), and maybe even go through another hearing. We would have to get another approval for rezoning," says

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